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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ELIOR ET AL.

Examiner

Gabriel I Garcia

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kanaya et al. (EP0879705A2).

With regard to claim 1, Kanaya et al. teaches creating digital data, wherein each row comprises data to be exposed by one of said beams (reads on the data created using the computer 90, to be printed by the print head 5); and using a plotter to expose said digital data on a substrate (see fig. 3), wherein, following each expose cycle by all of said beams moving in a first direction relative to said substrate, said beams move in a second direction, generally perpendicular to said first direction, relative to said substrate (see fig. 6), and wherein the distance traversed by said beams in said second direction is smaller than the sum of widths covered by all of said beams (read on the ability for the secondary scanning direction to be changed allowing the user to traversed a smaller distance as described in the abstract).

With regard to claims 2-3, Kanaya et al. further teaches creating a digital data wherein each column comprises a number of consecutive data elements, said number being

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equal to the number of said beams, and distance traversed by said beams in said second direction is equal to the width of one column covered by each one of said beams (reads on fig. 11, which allow the user to select the number of beams used, which could correspond to the data elements).

With regard to claim 4-7, Kanaya et al. inherently teaches the plotter is an imagesetter, a platesetter, a drum plotter or a flatbed plotter (see col. 2, lines 46-48, the interlacing printing process could be applied to any type of plotter that forms dots to print an image).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yoshida (6,046,819) teaches a printing head using a interlace drive system.

Lizuka (6,473,233) teaches a multi-beam optical system.

Thuren (WO98/38597) teaches a data conversion method for a mutibeam laser writer for very complex microlithographic patterns.

Steinblatt et al. (EP0632434A1) teaches an internal drum plotter.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Gabriel I. Garcia** whose telephone number is (703) 305-8751. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for official or informal faxes for this group is (703) 872-

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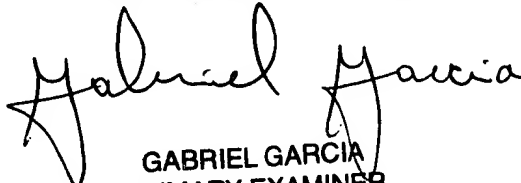
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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Primary Examiner
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